

Ocean and Coastal Policy Initiatives

Panel Presentation to the OCS Policy Committee

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Key Initiatives to be covered

- *Pew Commission*
- *Marine Protected Areas*
- *Heinz Center Coastal Zone Mang't Perf. Review*
- *Law of the Sea*
- *UN Resolution on Oceans*
- *World Summit on Sustainable Development*
- *Commission on Ocean Policy*

Pew Commission -- Leon Panetta, new chair

- Purpose: *provide recommendations on pollution, coastal development, fishing, aquaculture, invasive species and climate change issues to Congress and the nation -- report due April 2002*
- *Governor George Pataki is newest member*
- Regional meetings:

*Monterey, California**

*Maui, Hawaii**

*Washington, D.C.**

*Charleston, S. Carolina**

*Rockport, Maine**

*Anchorage, Alaska***

*Gulf of Mexico coastal area***

**Held already*

***Planned*

MMS

Pew Commission

- **Interaction with President's Ocean Commission:**
 - *Leon Panetta and Admiral Watkins have met and discussed roles of both commissions and how Pew Commission report can feed into Ocean Commission's deliberations and recommendations*
 - *Discourse between the 2 commissions will continue and both will keep each other apprised of activities*

Marine Protected Areas

- **DOC-DOI MPA Initiative:**
 - *MPA Science Advisory Committee update:*
 - *Secretary Evans, DOC, decided to issue a call for additional nominees for the commission to ensure appropriate stakeholders balance*
 - *DOC issued a call for new nominees in the Federal Register this past August; nominations were due in by end of Sept.*
 - *Over 300 new nominations have been received; previous nominees also will be considered, so total is over 350*
 - *DOC and DOI have created an 8-person review panel to go over the names and develop a finalist list for Secretary Evans to consider and select appointees from (MMS is on the panel)*
 - *Final selections probably will be made at end of year*

Marine Protected Areas

- **EPA Proposed Ocean Discharge Rule: update**
 - *Under the President's May 2000 MPA Executive Order, EPA meeting its required mandate by proposing new ocean discharge criteria under section 403 of the Clean Water Act*
 - *EPA developing process for identifying Special Ocean Sites (as opposed to recommending actual SOS)*
 - *EPA also proposing water quality standards for "healthy ocean waters" which includes all U.S. federal marine waters*
 - *EPA submitted new revised proposed rule to agencies for review on 8/29/01; wanted comments by 9/5/01*
 - *Agencies responded to EPA; no further action to date*

Heinz Center CZM review study: performance indicators & measures

- Study objective: *identify shared coastal resource goals in CZMA and develop framework for results-based management using performance indicators*
- *Panel held its first meeting on 8/27-29/01 in D.C.*
- *First meeting developed scope of panel activities and focus areas to be addressed*

Heinz Center CZM Focus Areas

- **Public Access**
 - Outcome statement: *change in amount and quality of access opportunities available to the public*
- **Coastal Habitats/Biodiversity**
 - Outcome statement: *change in amount & function of natural habitats, intact & disturbed, in the coastal zone*
- **Coastal Communities**
 - Outcome statement: *Development and redevelopment of the coast in accordance with CZM principles*